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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Point of Rocks Post Office was a two and one-half story frame front gabled residence covered with asbestos siding which faced south from the north side of Ballenger Creek Pike in Point of Rocks.

The principal facade was two bays wide. The main entrance, a four paneled door with narrow two light transom occupied the first bay from the west corner of the building. A 2/1 double hung window occupied the other bay on the first level.

A very decorative one story frame porch with boxed columns with notched brackets, boxed cornice, diamond patterned frieze, and curvilinear embellishment extended across the first level of the building. Trellis work was located under the porch flooring. Steps leading to the porch were replaced with poured cement.

Two double hung 2/1 windows flanked by louvered shutters were located in each bay on the second level. A small Palladian window segmented into six parts is centered in the front gable of the building.

The building which is rectangular in shape is two bays deep. Two double hung 2/1 windows flanked by louvered shutters occupied each bay on the west side of the building. Only one identical 2/1 window is located in the second bay from the south corner of the east side of the building.

A one bay wide one story shed roof addition extends to the north rear side of the building. A double hung 2/2 window occupies this bay on the west side of the building. A 2/1 window flanked by louvered shutters occupied the bay on the east side. A one story rear addition one bay wide extended to the north side of the building.

The entire building was constructed on a low whitewashed random stone foundation and originally covered with German siding and later covered with asbestos shingles although the original corner boards have remained.

The front gabled roof is covered by slate. A single brick chimney extends from the center of the building.

The building which served as the Point of Rocks Post Office was demolished in 1978.

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According to a directory of Post Offices in Frederick County during 1887, ¹ the town was described as follows:

There is considerable business done here by the merchants; it has two fine stores, two excellent hotels and several eating houses, together with fair proportion of other trade; it is quite a resort for fishermen, the black bass abounding in great quanties in the Potomac; the land is limestone and freestone and is well improved and cultivated, producing excellent crops. . . population about 150.

 $^{^{1}}$ Compiled by Charles W. Miller, ex-postmaster, Frederick, Maryland; unpublished.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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POINT OF ROCKS POST OFFICE F-1-124 CEW 6/77 W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE EAST ELEVATION



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